Governmental Affairs Regular Meeting August 23, 2002-8:30 a.m. Tribal Office Board Room

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Sylvia Wilber called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Those present: Ben Kaquatosh, Kathy Kaquatosh, Annette Warrington, and Linda Zablocki. Apesanahkwat was not present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting was Risk Manager for the Insurance Department, Dan Maine.

Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Health Insurance Discussion/Dan Maine-

Dan was present to discuss with the committee what he is going to be doing with the insurance plans. Dan stated that since there was a large deficit this year some changes will need to be made in the rates both employer and employee pay. The proposed changes will be taken to the casino employees and the tribal directors.

Committee would like to know what the directors of both entities say about the changes and would like information on the changes to the insurance plans. Committee would like Dan to report back to the committee after he presents the information to the directors and then committee will send a motion to the Legislature.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday August 28th 2002 at 3:30 p.m., in the Tribal Office board room.

4. Other Business-

At the last meeting, Chairperson Wilber wanted Ben Kaquatosh to work on a committee purpose to be added to the committee bylaws. Committee reviewed the purposed and agreed on it.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the committee purpose. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding some of the projects and policies that they may be working on. One main issue that was discussed was the COLA issue and why some employees receive the increase because their funding is paid through grants.

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to have the attorneys do some research on contracts and COLA increases specifically (Head Start and Law Enforcement) and to interpret whether it is policy or law. Seconded by Annette Warrington. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Kathy Kaquatosh and Linda Zablocki stated that there is a problem with departments collecting money from people who owe the tribe. Chairperson Wilber wanted to know if there was one set policy that all departments must follow. Linda stated that some departments have their own policies on collection. Chairperson Wilber stated that a policy needs to be developed for everyone to follow. Committee will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Committee set another meeting date for September 16th 2002 at 8:00 a.m.

5. Adjournment-

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Legislative Staff Services